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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT TACOMA

10 CHRISTOPHER M SCALES,

11 Petitioner,

12 v.

13 JEFFREY A UTTECHT.

Respondent.

CASE NO. C12-5082-RJB-JRC

ORDER GRANTING IN FORMA
PAUPERIS STATUS

14 The petitioner in this action is seeking a habeas corpus relief from a state conviction and
15 sentence. He is entitled to in forma pauperis status. This case has been referred to the
16 undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 636 (b) (1) (A) and (B) and Local
17 Magistrate Judge Rules MJR 3 and MJR 4.

18 Petitioner's application for leave to proceed in forma pauperis, (ECF No. 1, 3, and 4), is
19 **GRANTED.** Petitioner does not appear to have access to funds to afford the \$5.00 filing fee.

20 The Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this Order to petitioner.

21 Dated this 13th day of February 2012.

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24 J. Richard Creatura
United States Magistrate Judge